

Lodge Installs New Officers

Mrs. Esther Hansen was installed as Noble Grand of Trio Rebekah Lodge 240 in ceremonies held recently at the California Hall, 1932 Pacific Coast Hwy. District Deputy President Mrs. Mabelle Kerr conducted the installation.

Assisting Mrs. Hansen, will be Lurah Bost, vice grand; Edith Marriott, recording secretary; Hattie Schroeder, financial secretary; Elizabeth Yerton, treasurer; Mildred Taylor, conductor; Delores Speare, ward.

Others are Sally Weber, chaplain; Vena Johnson, musician; Mae Van Wie, color bearer; Margie Russell, R.S.N.G.; Bertha Fern, L.S.N.G.; Mary Smith, R.S.V.G.; Edith Bench, L.S.V.G.; Zella Butterfield, inside guardina; Nettia Taylor, outside guardina; Anna Long, Anna Reynolds, Ada Anderson, Elyda Smith, Louise Bartholomew, Jennie Richina, banner bearers; Mildred Taylor, good-fellowship; Edith Bench, publicity; and Ada Anderson, degree mistress.

A buffet supper followed the meeting. Esther Levettin, president of the Rebekah Assembly of California will pay her official visit to Trio on Jan. 22. Past Noble Grands will be hostesses for the evening.

Los Angeles County Staff night will be held Jan. 25 in the Long Beach auditorium at 8 p.m. The district deputy presidents and their staffs will present their drills.



ACCEPTS GAVEL . . . Mrs. Mabelle Kerr, district 84 deputy president of the Rebekah lodge hands the gavel to the lodge's new president Mrs. Esther Hansen, left, at installation ceremonies held recently at the California Hall on Pacific Coast Highway. (Ruth Jacobs Photo)

Kick-Off for YW Member Drive Jan. 27

"There's Space for You and a Place for You — in the YWCA" will be the theme of the 1958 membership enrollment, Mrs. Otis Blackstone, membership director announced at the Harbor Area YWCA Board of Directors.

"The drive will be fast and fun," she stated. It is organized with 10 Y's working in each branch, San Pedro, Torrance, and Wilmington. These women are recruiting teams of ten who will invite their friends and neighbors into the fellowship of the YWCA.

The enrollment will be launched with a kickoff at noon on Monday, Jan. 27 and concluded at noon on Feb. 10. The public relations chairman from each community are in charge of the kickoff. They are Mrs. Lee Owens, of Wilmington; Mrs. John Schwartz, Torrance; Mrs. O. R. C. Grow, San Pedro; and Mrs. Blackstone, Area Staff.

Mrs. Marion Young was elected from the Harbor Area Board to serve as representative to the Welfare Board of Governors.

The tea honoring the Art Assn. was announced by Catherine Lockett.

Branch reports were given for San Pedro by Jeanette Patchin, branch director; Torrance by Mrs. Jean Nelson, program director, and Wilmington by Mrs. Jean Hagler.

LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

Elementary

Torrance Elementary PTA will hold its first meeting of 1958 in the school auditorium Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Partitions which divided the auditorium into class rooms for the South High students during the fall have been removed, and the students and PTA unit have returned to their normal use of this part of the school. A board meeting was held Jan. 15 in the auditorium.

At the January meeting South High students representing the South High student body will formally present Torrance Elementary School with an engraved plaque bearing the athletic records of certain Torrance Elementary graduates who excelled in various sports. Several of the boys who have set these records will be present to receive the plaque. There is also space for other records to be engraved. It was the wish of the student body to present Torrance Elementary with a gift to express their appreciation for being a good host to South High during the fall of 1957 before their school was finished.

Scouts from troop 732-C will lead the flag salute. Miss Susan Babcock will sing inspirational selections, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Leonard Babcock. Coffee and cookies will be served after the South High presentation, and open discussion will then follow on the juvenile protection project, the Block Parent Plan. All Torrance Elementary PTA members are urged to be present to voice their opinion of this plan.

186th Street

A party held at the home of the president of the 186th Street PTA, Mrs. James Ellis, was the highlight of the PTA year to members of the executive board. Many board members double as room representatives, and as such had been busy helping with the room parties and Christmas entertainment, both of which were highly successful.

Secret pal gifts were exchanged, and to keep the identities really secret, the gifts were placed in a large box at the entrance to Mrs. Ellis's home. Secret pals for the evening made belt hangers for each other out of materials found in their purses, and prizes were awarded the prettiest and most original. Then artist's berets, paint palettes and brushes were distributed, and half the board members became models, and the other half artists. Miss Ruth Engdahl won for her painting of Mrs. John Selby, and Mrs. Harry Bright took a prize for her painting of Mrs. Edward Patton. Santa Claus, portrayed by Mrs. Ralph Nichols, complete with red costume and white beard, distributed the secret pal gifts.

Refreshments were served by Miss Nancy Stange and Miss Catherine Jack.

Those attending the party were Miss Ruth Engdahl, school principal, and Mmes. Walter Stewart, Phillippe Major, R. Dean Bryan, Hugh Allen, Herman Eisenbeiss, Billie Lewis, Edward Patton, Maurice Warner, Harry Bright, J. T. Evans Jr., Frank Garst, Clifford Risher, Sam Tanahari, Ralph Nichols, James McMillen, Jay Takahashi, John Selby, Robert Rasmussen, Robert White, Leamon Gibson, Frank Daddi and Robert Adams.

Council

An outline of the program for teaching students about the effects of narcotics, alcohol, and tobacco was presented to members of the Torrance PTA Council at its January meeting by Dr. Max Appleby, curriculum consultant to the school district.

Meeting at the Carr Elementary School cafeteria, the council members heard Dr. Appleby explain that such training actually began in kindergarten with programs emphasizing the need for good health habits.

By the time the student reaches the sixth grade, science courses begin to explain the effect of such stimulants, and especial emphasis is given to the dangers of narcotics throughout the rest of the student's precollege training. Science courses in the high schools give special emphasis to the nature and effect of narcotics, he said.

During the business session presided over by Mrs. D. D. Tuggle, council president, the group voted to ratify the appointment of Mrs. Mark Wright, Mrs. Grover Van Deventer, and Dr. Howard A. Wood as members at large of the council's scholarship committee.

Named to the council nominating committee were Mrs. Glen Grimsley and Mrs. Leonard Spidale. Mrs. V. B. Terry was selected as the alternate member.

A meeting of the student welfare committee was announced for 9:45 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the home of Mrs. Bert Mennes, 2705 Loftyview Dr. Members of the committee include Mrs. Mennes, the hostess for Wednesday's session, and Mmes. Robert Trimble, V. B. Terry, Amos Chadwick, Jack Erving, Jack Prince, and D. D. Tuggle.

Mrs. Clint Chapman, chairman of the council record book committee, announced that all unit record book chairmen were to meet at Crenshaw Elementary School at 9:30 a.m. next Thursday, Jan. 23, to discuss their projects for the year.

A library report given by Mrs. N. Fedoruk revealed that 16 school libraries had been established with books provided by the PTA units, and that 10 of the libraries were staffed by the PTA.

North High

"Our Students At Home and Abroad" will be the topic at the meeting of the North High School PTA on Tuesday evening Jan. 21 at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria. Foreign students attending North High School will interview the American Field Service students. Students will also demonstrate modern dancing and present some of the school songs.



HOUSE OUTGROWS PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Brooks recently bid a last goodbye to the home they've occupied since their marriage. "With our daughter married and our son in the Army," explained Mrs. Brooks, "we were just rattling around in the place. So we sold our house and bought one about half this size. The problem of what to do with our extra furniture was solved by Bekins. The Bekins people are not only moving us—they're storing our surplus furniture so it will be available when our children are ready to move into their own homes." For moving or storage, call Bekins:

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Attorney to Give Talk

Members of the Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club will meet tomorrow, 7 p.m. at Caprino's restaurant, for a dinner meeting.

Speaker for the evening will be the noted attorney, Elsie Farris, who will speak on "Rights of Women."

The local group will journey to the Compton Masonic Temple, Jan. 26, for a Harbor Section breakfast meeting.

Again a woman attorney will address the group. This time Louise Gelber will moderate a panel discussion on "Your Legal Interest."

Torrance club members have submitted the name of Virginia Beck to the nominating committee for the office of recording secretary of the Sierra Mar District.

The localities already has the support of five clubs: San Pedro, Redondo Beach, Lomita, Gardena, and Huntington Park.

Elections will be held at the district convention April 12-15 at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel.

League Interviews Congressman

Representative Cecil King was recently interviewed by the League of Women Voters of Palos Verdes Estates, a group composed of women from Torrance and the entire South Bay area. Mr. King was home during the Congressional recess and was accompanied by his executive secretary, E. L. Pummer.

Speaking for the Palos Verdes League were chairmen of committees directly interested in current legislation. Also present were Mrs. George Frobisher, President of the Inglewood League of Women Voters, Mrs. David Post, Director of the South Area League of Woman Voters of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Martin Malls, recording secretary of the Los Angeles City Board of the League of Women Voters.

Mr. King was asked what his current committee memberships were and replied that he is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, which precludes any other committee work. This committee began work on tax revision on Jan. 7. In response to questions, Mr. King made comments on the following subjects:

TRADE: Mr. King feels the future of this country's economy and security must be based on operations abroad. He will work to extend the Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act and for U. S. Membership in the Organization for Trade Cooperation.

LOYALTY AND SECURITY: Mr. King said that he felt a relaxing of these programs was very likely in the next session of Congress. He has had a long record of opposition to harsh and stringent interpretations of security measures.

WATER CONSERVATION: Conservation is mostly a local problem, he feels, but there should be some federal assistance for recreation and the protection of wildlife.

TO LAS VEGAS FOR CONFAB

Miss Louise M. Champeau, 2309 169th Pl., will attend the District 5 semi-annual conference of the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Assn. of Railway Business Women in Las Vegas the latter part of the month. The chapter will also hold a white elephant sale and dinner on Jan. 22.

NOTE BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Eunice Revlin of Hollywood Riviera was complimented on her birthday anniversary with a surprise dinner at The Plush Horse Restaurant. Co-hosting the informal party were Mrs. Wallace Larson of Torrance and Henry Raoul of Manhattan Beach.

CAFÉ SOCIETY

Among recent dinner hosts at The Plush Horse Restaurant were Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lockheed of Palos Verdes, Mr. and Mrs. William Baker Smith of Redondo Beach, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Shawger of Portuguese Bend and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hyde of Torrance.



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